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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0254

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, ET
SUBJECT: SECOND DIVISION

REF: ASMARA 0235 (DTG 211410Z MAR 77)
1. FREQUENCY OF CONVOY RUNS TO MASSAWA HAS SETTLED INTO A PATTERN OF ABOUT 3 PER WEEK, TAKING TWO DAYS TO COMPLETE ONE ROUND-TRIP. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVEN ROUND-TRIPS IN THE TWO WEEKS SINCE CONVOYS STARTED.

2. AS A RESULT, MOGAS SALES ARE NORMAL. KEROSENE IS BECOMING PLENTIFUL; RATION COUPONS ARE SELDOM REQUIRED.

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3. EFFECTIVE MARCH 21, EAL REARRANGED AND INCREASED ITS FLIGHT FREQUENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TO AND FROM ASMARA. NOW 4 WEEKLY FLIGHTS NORTHWARD FROM ADDIS ARE ON SAT, MON, TUES, AND WED; AND FIVE WEEKLY FLIGHTS SOUTHWARD FROM EUROPE AND ASIA THROUGH ASMARA ARE ON MON, TUES, WED (2), AND THURS. EAL DISTRICT AND REGIONAL MANAGERS HAVE BEEN TRYING SINCE LAST NOVEMBER TO RESTORE SEMBLANCE OF FORMER AIR SERVICE THROUGH ASMARA

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AND SEEM TO HAVE SUCCEEDED. CURRENT ADEQUACY OF AVGAS STOCKS IN ASMARA PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO DECISION.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO CONCLUSIVE PROOF YET OF WHAT CONDITIONS OR PROMISES WERE GIVEN TO SECOND DIVISION TROOPS TWO WEEKS AGO (MARCH 11) TO REGAIN THEIR COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY ON CONVOY RUNS, BUT GENERAL BELIEF IN TOWN, ELICITED FROM VARIOUS SOLDIER CONTACTS, INCLUDES FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A) PER DIEM FOR CONVOY ESCORT DUTY;

B) INCREASE IN WIDOW BENEFIT FROM US$2500 TO US$5000; AND

C) RELEASE AND RETURN TO ASMARA OF 30-MAN SOLDIER DELEGATION HELD IN ADDIS SINCE JANUARY 1977.

IN ADDITION, THERE IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT TROOPS RECEIVED SOME SORT OF PROMISE RELATED TO ROTATION, BUT WHETHER THIS WOULD BE ON INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT BASIS IS UNCERTAIN. IN ANY CASE, THERE IS NO INDICATION YET THAT ANY ROTATION HAS STARTED.
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